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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: John E. Johnson : Examiner: David J. Parsley
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AMENDMENT B
Under 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 stand rejected. The applicant hereby submits the following amendments and/or remarks, which are fully responsive to the Office Action. The applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance. Please enter the amendments as indicated herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.